

Remarks:

The application has been carefully considered in light of the Official Office Action and Claims 10 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form as Claims 12 and 13, respectively, with all the limitations of Claims 8 and 9, respectively; and since the Examiner has indicated these Claims would be allowable if written in independent form, favorable consideration of Claims 12 and 13 is courteously solicited.

Newly added Claim 14 is directed more specifically to the separate hook frame of applicant's invention. The Staben device has no separate hook frame as in applicant's invention, but simply manually lifts the hooks to the top of the bucket frame and attaches them which is entirely different from applicant's invention.

While, the Risch reference show a hook frame, the hook frame must be disassembled or taken apart in order to attach the hooks to the frame, and lacks the specific attachment means of applicant's invention as now recited in Claim 14, wherein the operator of the loader may drive up to the hook frame and engage the flange connection and engage a pair of downward engaging pins to the hook frame as now recited in Claim 14, without having to take the hook frame apart, as in the Risch reference.

Also, to go from the hook and bucket back to the bucket alone, it will also be necessary the disassemble the side panels from one another by removing the eight side pins and physically reassemble them together, whereas in applicant's device, one can quickly detach the front pins on the hook frame and move the hook frame aside and pull the pins by turning the handles to detach it without having to disassemble the frame, and then mount the bucket directly to the loader.

Also, the hook frame has manipulative handles to move the pair of pins into a locked or unlocked position which is also not shown the references in connection with a hook frame, and which feature is now recited in dependent Claim 15.

Accordingly, it is believed that newly added Claims 14 and 15 are specifically directed to novel and patentable features of applicant's invention, and favorable consideration is courteously requested.

Favorable action upon the Claims and the application is courteously requested.

Respectfully,



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